BPF Brexit Questionnaire
EU Exit Engagement
October - November 2019
Introduction

The following responses were provided by members of the British Plastics Federation in response to a survey carried out during October 2019. Responses were invited from companies across the entire plastics industry supply chain, including recyclers and equipment suppliers.
Contingency Plans

Percentage of BPF Members That Made Contingency Plans for No-Deal Brexit

Respondents were asked if their companies had made any contingency plans in preparation for a No-Deal Brexit, the majority said they had.

Impact
The BPF asked companies how impactful a No-Deal Brexit would be, specifically focusing on: Tariffs, Border Delays, Changes to Customs & VAT Procedures, Changes to Regulations and Standards & Conformity Testing. The results showed that No-Deal Brexit would have a fairly-high impact overall.

How Impactful Do BPF Members Think Tariffs Will Be for Your Business as a Result of No-Deal Brexit
How impactful do respondents think border delays will be for your business as a result of no-deal Brexit:

- Low impact: 27%
- Fairly low impact: 7%
- Neither low nor high impact: 11%
- Fairly high impact: 20%
- High impact: 45%

How impactful do those surveyed think changes to customs and VAT procedures will be for your business as a result of no-deal Brexit:

- Low impact: 18%
- Fairly low impact: 7%
- Neither low nor high impact: 18%
- Fairly high impact: 36%
- High impact: 20%
**How Impactful Do Respondents Think Changes to Regulations, Such As REACH Will Be for Your Business as a Result of No-Deal Brexit**

- Low impact: 13%
- Fairly low impact: 15%
- Neither low nor high impact: 20%
- Fairly high impact: 38%
- High impact: 15%

**How Impactful Do BPF Members Think Standards & Conformity Testing Will Be for Your Business as a Result of No-Deal Brexit**

- Low impact: 25%
- Fairly low impact: 24%
- Neither low nor high impact: 25%
- Fairly high impact: 24%
- High impact: 2%
Transfer of Personal Data / GDPR

Respondents Were Asked If They Share Personal Data of Staff, Customers or Business Between Sites or Companies in the UK and EU

64% of BPF Members claimed they do not share personal data with the EU, with 36% admitting they did.

Percentage of BPF Members Aware That No-Deal Brexit Will Have an Impact on Their GDPR Data Protection Responsibilities
Percentage of Respondents That Have Taken Action To Address The Impact That No-Deal Brexit Will Have On Their GDPR Data Protection Responsibilities

Of those surveyed, 62% claimed to have taken action whilst 38% didn’t.

Product Marking

Percentage of BPF Members That Are Aware That No-Deal Brexit Will Have An Effect On The Way That Products Are Marked (e.g. The Introduction of the UKCA Marking)

54% of those surveyed claimed they are aware that No-Deal Brexit will have an effect on product marking, but 46% were not.
Percentage of Respondents That Have Acted on Addressing Product Marking Changes

GOV UK Brexit Website

Percentage of BPF Members Aware of the Information Available at www.GOV.uk/Brexit?
80% of BPF Members have logged on to GOV UK’s Brexit site to find out information on Brexit, with 20% claiming to have never used it.

Of those surveyed, most respondents (55%) cited remaining in the EU as the best outcome for their business.

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**Percentage of Respondents That Have Used** [www.GOV.uk/Brexit](http://www.GOV.uk/Brexit) **to Access the Information?**

- Yes: 80%
- No: 20%

**Which Brexit Outcome Do BPF Members Think Would Be the Best Outcome for Their Business?**

- Leave with a Deal: 41%
- Leave without a Deal: 4%
- Remain in EU: 55%